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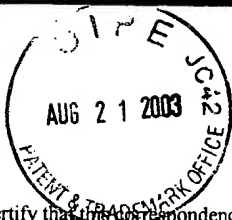
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This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2003 and is timely filed on August 18, 2003 as August 16, 2003 fell on a Saturday. Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

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An **Appendix** including 13 replacement drawings sheets is attached following page 21 of this paper.